



GUAM COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

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What is Comprehensive Cancer Control?

Comprehensive Cancer Control is a collaborative process through which a community pools resources to reduce the burden of cancer that results in: risk reduction, early detection, better treatment and enhanced survivorship. This program was funded through a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Department of Public Health & Social Services.

This is NOT a direct service program. Instead, this program focuses on bringing representatives from the cancer network on Guam (public, private and non-profit organizations as well as individuals) together to address prevention, early detection and treatment, survivorship, data & research, and policy & advocacy issues faced by cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and families on Guam.

This group of partners is called the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition.

Why is this program needed?

In Guam over the past 12 years, there has been an increase in the number of new cancer cases (incidence) and deaths (mortality). Comparing the 5 year period 1998-2002 with 2003-2007, the number of Guam cancer deaths increased by 7.45% and new cancer cases diagnosed increased by 28.19%. Guam's top three priority areas, based on cancer incidence rates are lung, prostate, and breast cancers. On Guam, the burden of cancer is aggravated by challenges such as high numbers of obese residents, a vast number of tobacco users, limited treatment options, the high costs associated with off-island care, and limited insurance coverage.

Comparison of Cancer Incidence & Mortality Rates, Guam, 1998-2009		
Years	Incidence Rate ¹	Mortality Rate ²
1998 - 2002	173.83%	84.72%
2003 - 2007	202.02%	92.17%
2008 - 2009	209.02%	92.00%

¹Rate = New cases per 100,000 population; ²Rate = Deaths per 100,000 population

Source: University of Guam, Cancer Research Center of Guam, Cancer Registry

What are some of the CCC Coalition's accomplishments?

- ✓ Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2007-2012
- ✓ Guam Cancer Facts and Figures, 2007-2012
- ✓ Guam Cancer Passport: A Guide to Survivorship and Care
- ✓ Brochures on Colon Cancer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer and Guam Cancer Registry
- ✓ Advocates for Policy Change such as the Tobacco Tax Increase



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Why should I join the Coalition?

- ★ Get involved with developing, enhancing, and supporting cancer programs and services.
- ★ Advocate for and support cancer survivors and their families.
- ★ Network with others in the community that share a strong interest in cancer and access cancer-related resources and information.

When do we meet?

The Coalition's Steering Committee and most subcommittees meet once a month as they work to implement activities identified in the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Get involved by contacting:

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"To improve the health and quality of life in our community by eliminating health disparities; increasing access to health care; early disease detection; disease prevention and control; and promoting healthy lifestyles through policy development, implementation, surveillance and intervention; and providing social services in collaboration with community partners and stakeholders."



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